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DESCENDS!



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NIGHTWING



THAN
R&L
OF AIR
SUGARBOAT

"IT WAS ONE OF MY MORE EMBARRASSING PREDICAMENTS TO BE SURE.

"I HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE JOKER TO BE USED AS BAIT IN HIS BATTLE WITH MY FATHER'S LATEST ARCHENEMY, DR. SIMON HURT.

"YOU WERE DRESSED AS BATMAN.

"I WAS TIED UP, DUMPED INTO A COFFIN THAT SMELLED OF ROTTED, DRIED FLESH, AND WORST OF ALL...

"...I WAS DRESSED AS A CLOWN.

AND YET, DESPITE EVERYTHING, I CAN SAY WITH SOME AMOUNT OF CONVICTION, THE HOURS INSIDE THAT ROTTING BOX...

BAY OF BISCAY.



...WERE PREFERABLE TO THE THIRTEEN HOURS STUCK IN THIS BATMOBILE WITH YOU.

YOU WANTED TO STRETCH?



SO LET'S STRETCH.

I've been driving across endless miles of ocean in a borrowed Batmobile following a cryptic clue.

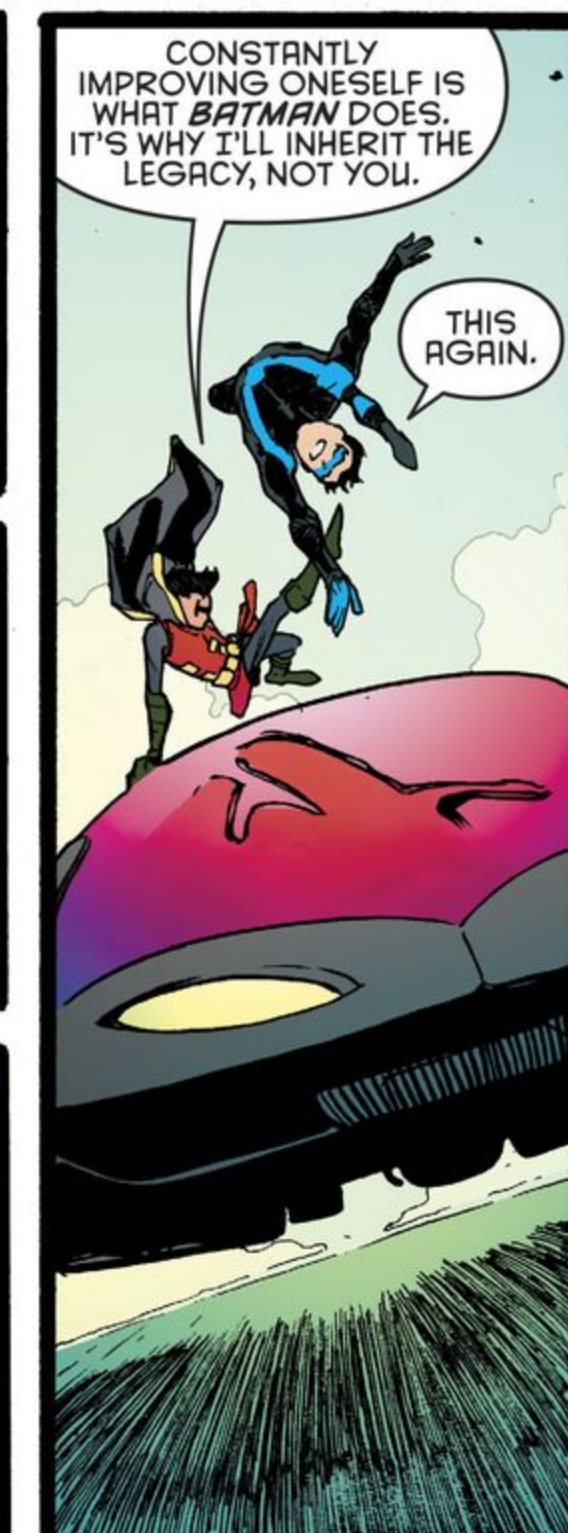


And my copilot-- Damian Wayne, Robin--isn't making me feel any better.

Especially since he won't let me kick his petulant butt.



YOU'VE LEARNED SOME NEW MOVES SINCE LAST TIME WE SPARRED.



CONSTANTLY IMPROVING ONESELF IS WHAT **BATMAN** DOES. IT'S WHY I'LL INHERIT THE LEGACY, NOT YOU.

THIS AGAIN.

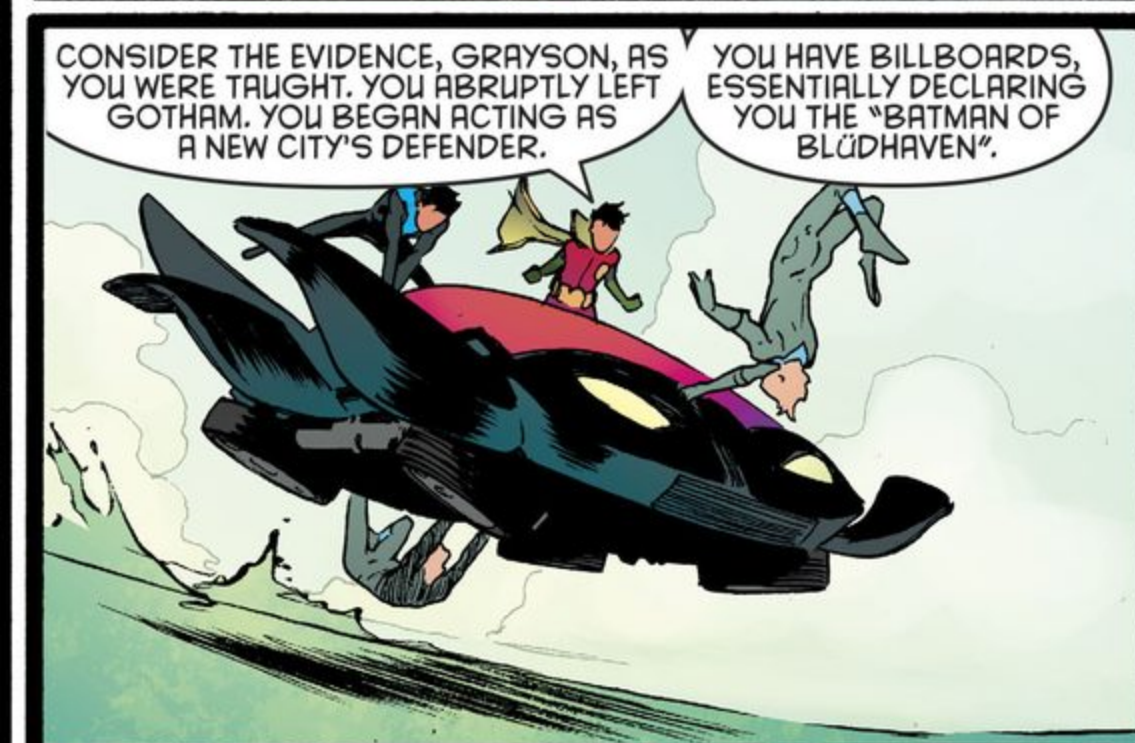


YES. THIS AGAIN. IT IS CLEAR YOUR RELOCATION TO BLUDHAVEN IS A MEANS TO STEP AROUND THE LINE. TO GO AROUND THE NATURAL PROGRESSION.

TO SET UP YOUR OWN "FRANCHISE."



A "FRANCHISE"?! IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK I'M DOING WITH SHAWN? BREEDING BABY ROBINS?!



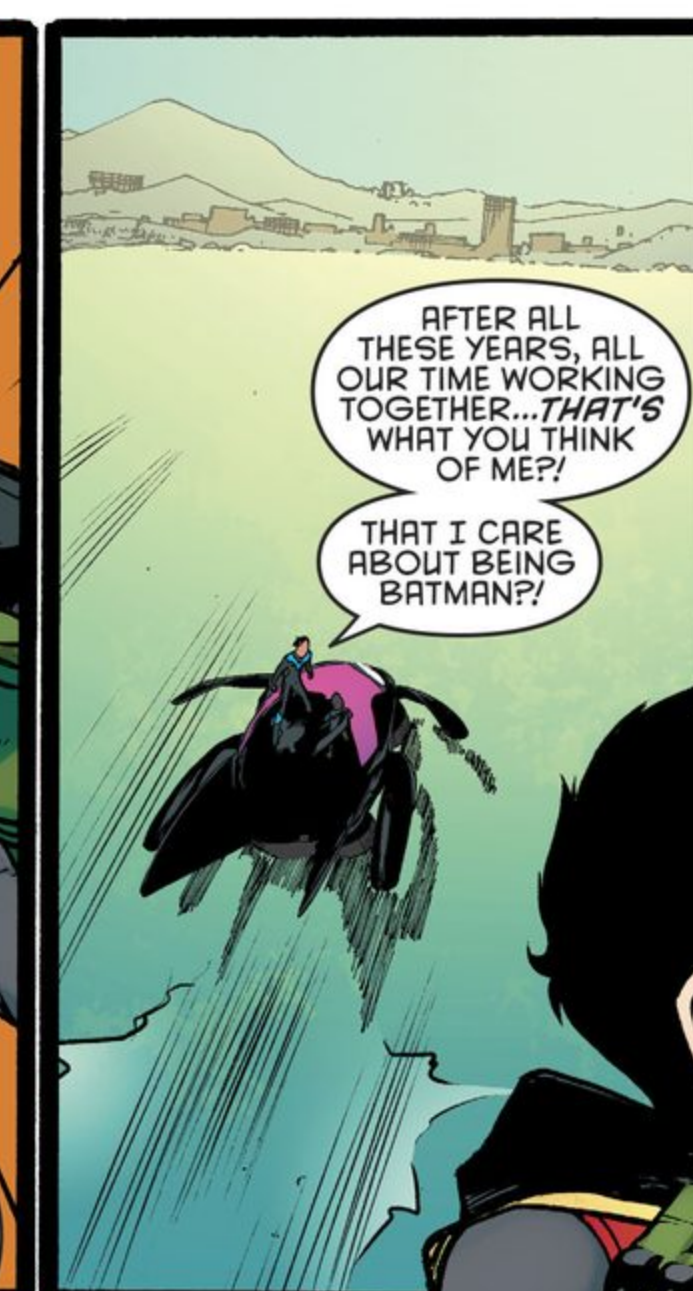
CONSIDER THE EVIDENCE, GRAYSON, AS YOU WERE TAUGHT. YOU ABRUPTLY LEFT GOTHAM. YOU BEGAN ACTING AS A NEW CITY'S DEFENDER.

YOU HAVE BILLBOARDS, ESSENTIALLY DECLARING YOU THE "BATMAN OF BLUDHAVEN".



EVERY CLUE POINTS TO YOU BEING **THREATENED** BY MY VERY EXISTENCE.

THAT YOU'RE BUILDING A FOUNDATION TO TAKE THE MANTLE OF BATMAN FROM ME DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY **HAD** YOUR TURN.

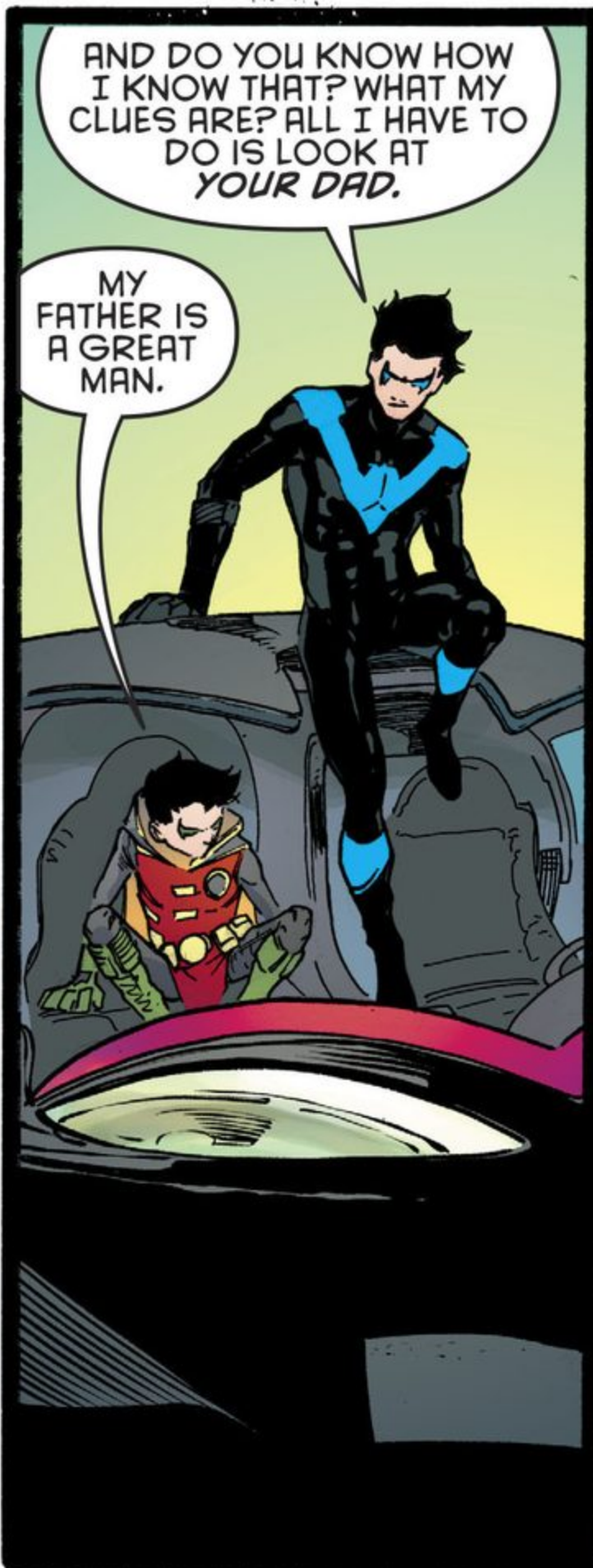
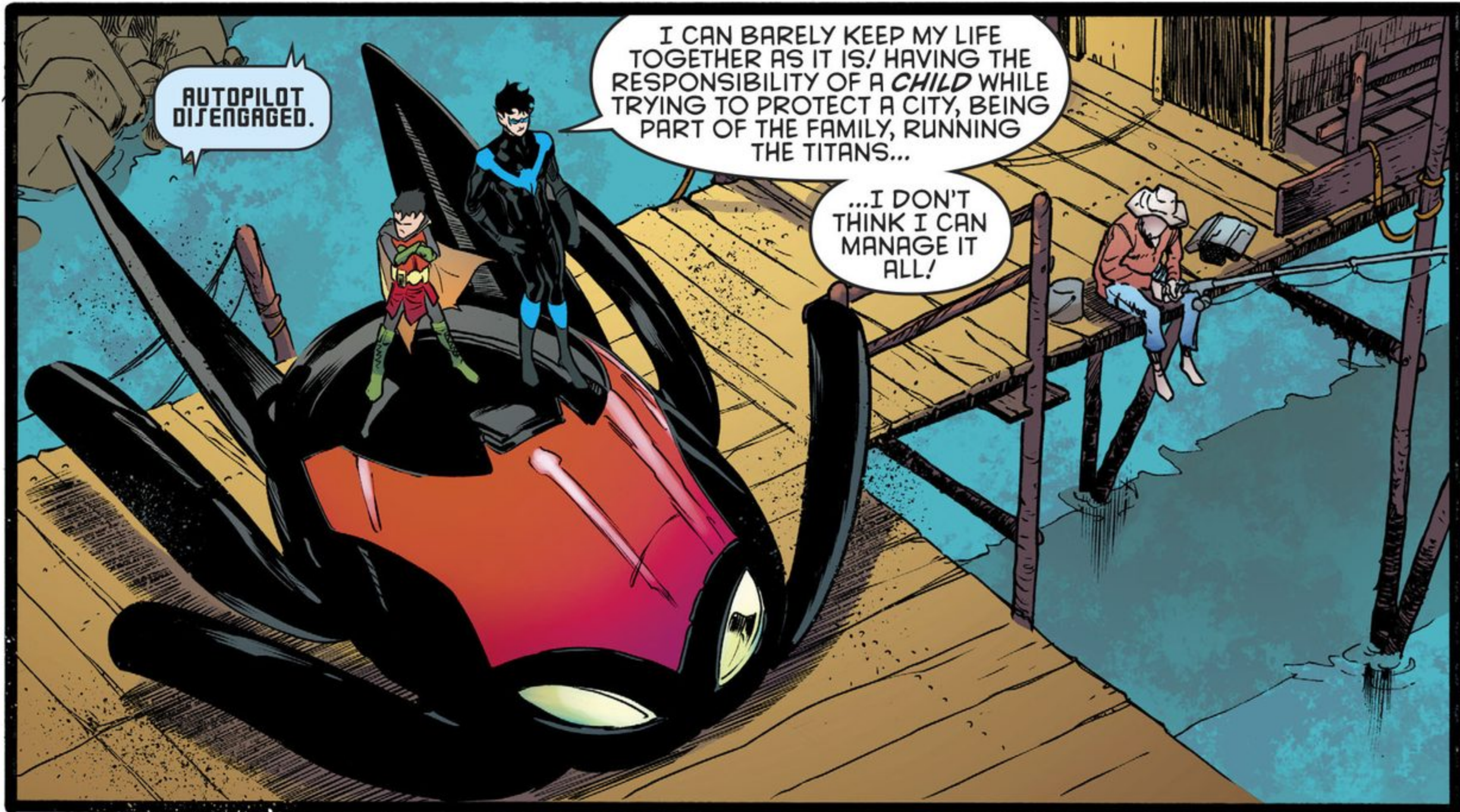


AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, ALL OUR TIME WORKING TOGETHER...**THAT'S** WHAT YOU THINK OF ME?!

THAT I CARE ABOUT BEING **BATMAN**?!



MY GIRLFRIEND IS MISSING AND SHE MIGHT BE PREGNANT! I'M NOT EVEN SURE I WANT TO BE **NIGHTWING**!



The coordinates written in a copy of the *Adventures of Robin Hood* book I loaned Shawn are for Fontevraud-l'Abbaye in Western France.

The Abbey has a long history, first as a monastery, later as a prison, now as a tourist attraction.

I've wanted to visit since I was a kid.



Whoever brought me here wants me to know that this is personal.



That they know my dreams. What I read as a kid. What I read now to escape into a comfortable world of nostalgia. Who my heroes are.



And they know my nightmares. They know my fear that being a "hero" will hurt someone I love.



GRAYSON.

The tomb of Richard I.

He's the real-life king who has cameos in a lot of the Robin Hood stories. His fictionalized moustache-twirling brother was Robin Hood's archenemy.

The thing is, all that's here is the tomb. Most of Richard's actual body was lost during the French Revolution.

The tomb is empty.

MY THERMO-GRAPHIC LENSES SAY THERE IS...





THE FACE OF
DICK GRAYSON.
THE FACE OF
DEATHWING.

He has my
mask. My old
uniform.

And worst of
all. He has my
voice.



YOU CAME.
I KNEW YOU
WOULD. YOU DO
WHAT I WOULD
DO. JUST NOT
AS WELL.

But it's twisted.
Cruel. Angry.

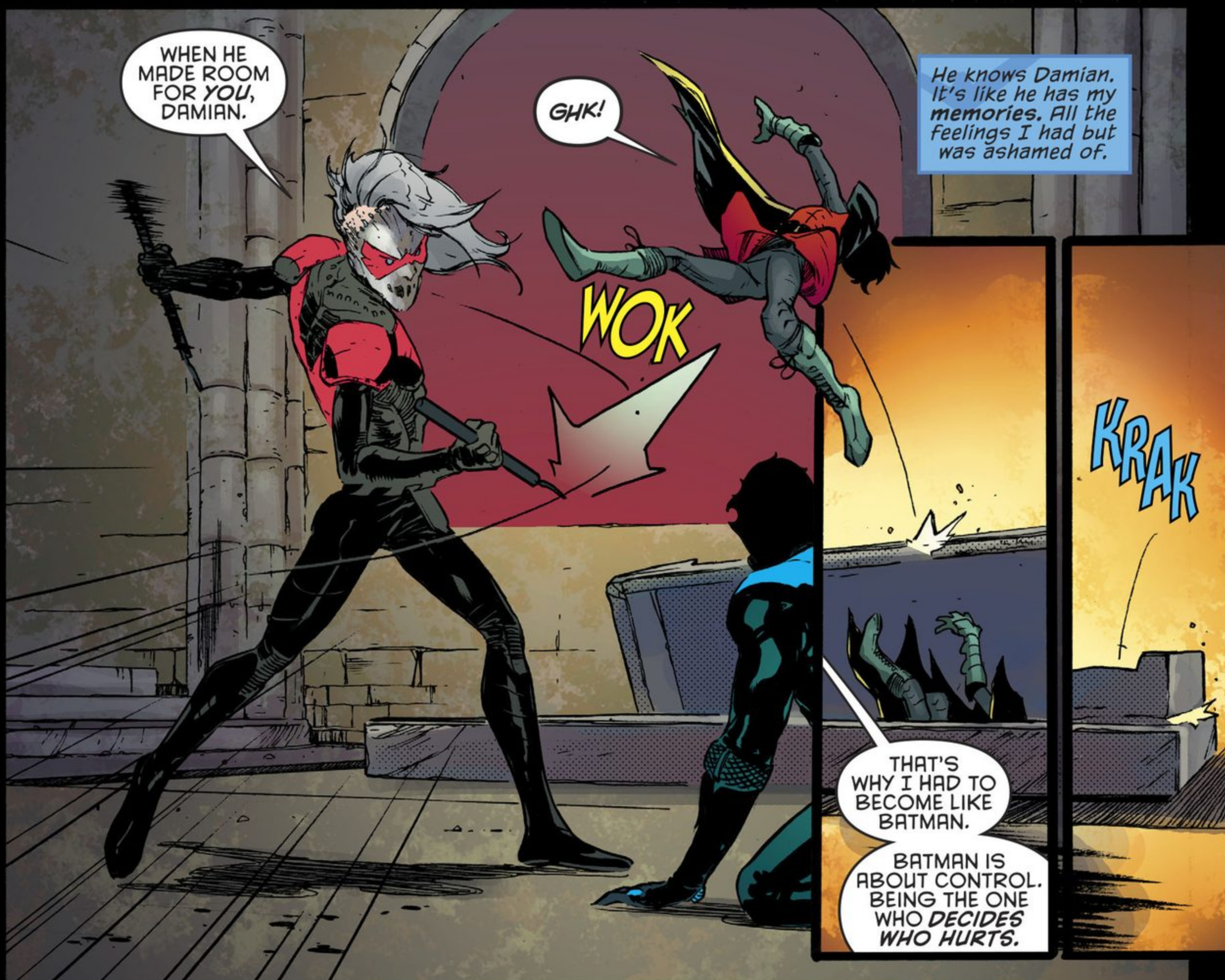
HNH!

LET HIM
GO!

ARE YOU
SURE? YOU MAY BE
AN INFERIOR COPY,
BUT YOU *FEEL* THE
WAY I DO.

WHICH
MEANS SOME-
TIMES...





WHEN HE
MADE ROOM
FOR YOU,
DAMIAN.

GHK!

He knows Damian.
It's like he has my
memories. All the
feelings I had but
was ashamed of.

WOK

KRAK

THAT'S
WHY I HAD TO
BECOME LIKE
BATMAN.

BATMAN IS
ABOUT CONTROL.
BEING THE ONE
WHO *DECIDES*
WHO HURTS.

WHEN I BECAME BATMAN,
I FELL IN LOVE WITH WHAT
IT DID TO ME. I BECAME
A PERFECT FORM.

IT WAS THERE ALL THE TIME,
BUT WAITING FOR THE
SCULPTOR TO BRING IT
FROM THE MARBLE.

DAMIAN!

NGH!

He's my dark
side given very
ugly physical
form.

REMEMBER
WHEN YOU WERE
BURIED, ROBIN?
YOU SHOULD HAVE
STAYED THERE. THIS
TIME I'M PUTTING
THE *FINAL NAIL* IN
THE COFFIN.

KRNCH



WHO ARE YOU?! WHO MADE YOU THINK YOU'RE ME?!



WHERE THE HELL IS SHAWN?!

CRASH



KRK

YOU THINK THIS IS ABOUT SHAWN? SHAWN IS *NOTHING* TO ME.



ALL SHE WAS IS THE LAST THING STANDING IN THE WAY...



WOK

...OF YOU BECOMING ME.



OF BECOMING WHAT YOU NEED TO BE.



RRAGH!

NO LEVERAGE.
NAILED SHUT.
NOT ENOUGH
DISTANCE. FISTS
TOO SMALL.

DAMN YOU, GRAYSON! YOU INSULTED
ME, CODDLED ME LIKE A CHILD, CALLED
ME *HARDHEADED* AND NOW...

Hmn.
HARDHEADED.



YOU'RE
DELUSIONAL.
PROGRAMMED. TELL
ME WHERE SHAWN IS
AND I'LL HELP
YOU.



TELL
ME!



I CAN'T
TELL YOU...



...YOU NEED
TO **SEE** WHAT
WAS SHOWN TO
ME. YOU NEED TO
SEE WHAT'S
COMING.

SLASH

The blade glints
black. Like it's made
out of night.

The cut doesn't hurt.
Not exactly. But it feels
like something is spilling
out. My mind maybe.

HNGH.

GIVE
IN TO THE
BLOOD.

A drop of blood
hangs for an eternity
before my eyes.

And then it drops.

And I go with it.

All the way down.

GIVE IN...

AH.



*I'm at the bottom,
looking up.*

*All around me, paths
branching off.*

*I can't remember which
one of me I am. Am I
the hero or the villain?*

*Is this a dream?
Or a **nightmare**?*



SH-SHAWN.
W-WHERE...

SHAWN HAD TO
GO. SHE KEPT
THE SCULPTURE
TRAPPED IN THE
BLOCK.

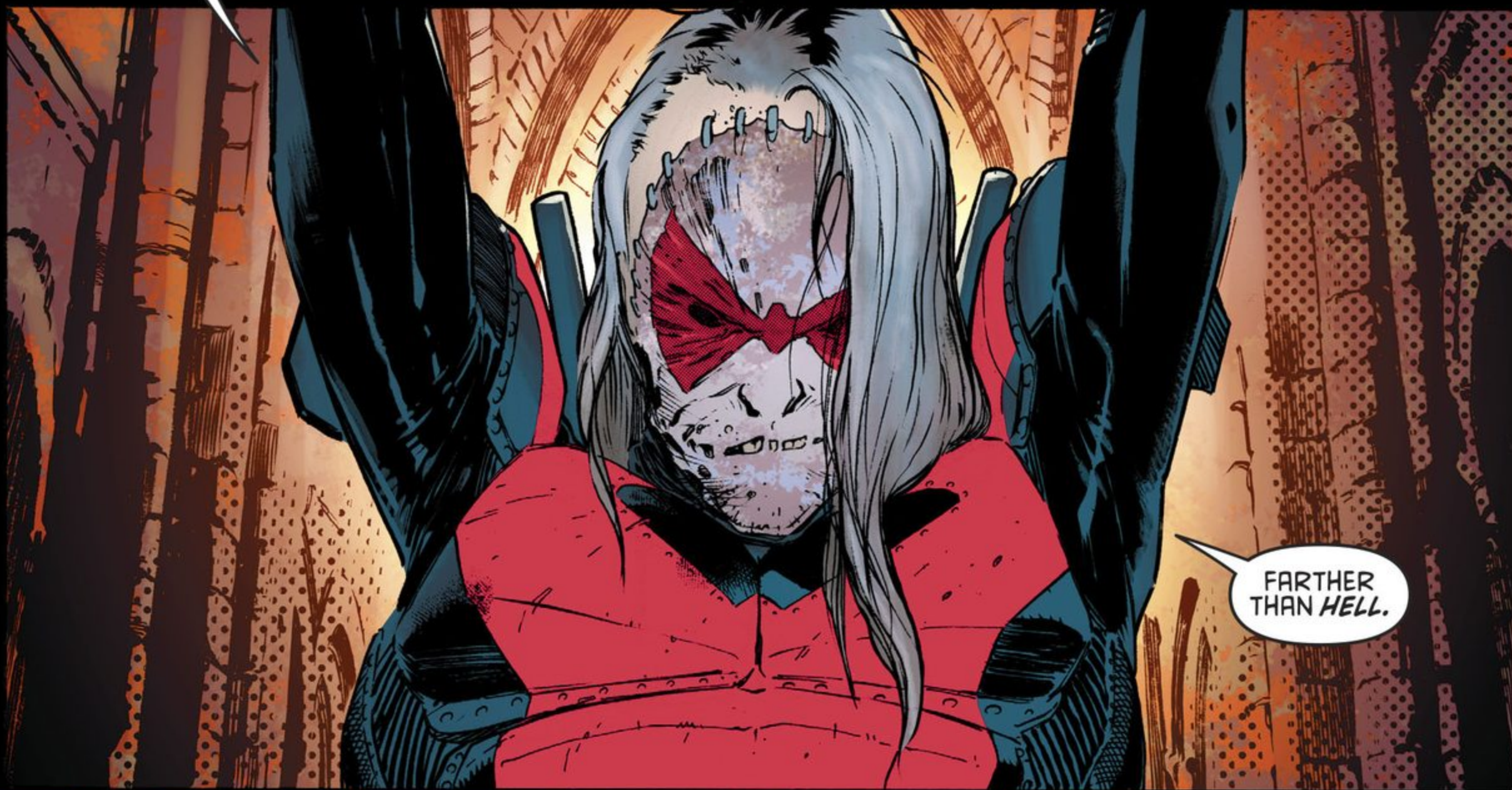


SHE OFFERS
YOU STABILITY
AND COMPLACENCY
WHEN YOU HAVE TO
SHED THIS LIFE AND
BE REBORN.



TO
BE THE MAN
I'VE BECOME, YOU
HAVE TO SUFFER
LOSS. YOU
HAVE TO FALL
FAR...

...FARTHER
THAN THE
GROUND.



FARTHER
THAN HELL.



NO!

KRAK

NOT
WHILE
ROBIN
LIVES.



NIGHTWING!
THE FOOL MAY HAVE
NAILED THE LID DOWN,
BUT HE COMPROMISED
ITS STRUCTURAL
INTEGRITY.

THE SAME THING
CANNOT BE SAID OF
MY FOREHEAD--

WHO?

IT'S ME,
YOU FOOL!
DAMIAN.

WHERE...
WHERE HAVE
YOU GONE?

YOU,
YOU'RE A
MISTAKE. EVEN
HE SAID SO. YOU
DON'T HAVE MY
BLOOD.

NO.

BUT
I WILL.

SHING

AN OCEAN
OF WORLDS...
NO SHORE...
NO SHAWN.

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE,
YOU WEAK-WILLED SOT!
REMEMBER ME!

I AM DAMIAN WAYNE!
I AM THE ROBIN TO YOUR
BATMAN! WE WERE THE
GREATEST TOGETHER,
GRAYSON!

WE *WERE*. BUT IT'S
DIFFERENT NOW.
YOU'RE...YOU'RE
GONE.

FINDING NEW LIFE. CONSIDERING
HAVING A CHILD TO REPLACE ME.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WILL
BE...ALONE.

I NEED
YOU HERE,
RICHARD.

DAMIAN?



DAMIAN.
WHERE? WHAT
HAPPENED?

NOTHING.
NOTHING
HAPPENED...

...BUT
THIS IS
INSANITY.



Another Robin?!

For a second I think
I'm still in the ocean
of worlds.

But this is
my world. My
story. I'm
the hero.



And this is
most definitely
the villain.

KRAK

PUT DOWN THOSE
WEAPONS, AND JUST
TELL US WHO YOU
ARE, OKAY?

THERE'S
NO NEED TO
FIGHT.

THAT'S
MORE
LIKE IT.



N-NO. OF COURSE
NOT. YOU WOULD
SIMPLY LOSE...I AM
THE **GREATEST**.





MY NAME IS...
DA--**DANESH**? MY
FATHER IS A TRUCK
DRIVER...

NO.
MY NAME...IS
DAMIAN WAYNE.
MY FATHER IS
BATMAN.

*The stitches.
The pale, melted
skin. The faint
antiseptic smell.*



YOU'RE
WHAT? I'LL--

ROBIN! LOOK
AT HIS FACE. AT
DEATHWING'S.



OH.
GOD.

ROBIN.
YOU CAN HELP
US FIND SHAWN,
RIGHT? YOU
KNOW WHERE
SHE IS.

YES.
DEATHWING
WAS TO DELIVER
MS. TSANG TO
OUR CREATOR.



THEN OUR
CREATOR
SAW HER ART.
HE BECAME
ENAMORED
WITH IT.

HE
BELIEVED
SHE COULD
BE GREAT IF SHE
LET HIM UNLEASH
HER TRUE
POTENTIAL. LIKE
ELIZA DOOLITTLE,
HE SAID.



*Her "potential."
The "Dollotron"
copies of Damian
and me. It's worse
than I imagined.*

*Shawn was
kidnapped by one
of the sickest minds
Damian and I ever
encountered...*

...Professor Pyg.

IT'S
SO NICE TO
WORK WITH A
FELLOW ARTIST
FOR ONCE,
MS. TSANG.

YOU PUT
SO MUCH OF
WHAT'S *INSIDE*
YOU INTO
YOUR OWN
WORK.

NIGHTWING MUST DIE!

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AND NOW I'LL PUT
WHAT'S INSIDE YOU
INTO *MINE*.

NEXT:
STUCK LIKE A PYG.

DC UNIVERSE REBIRTH



KNEEL BEFORE SQUAD

SUICIDE SQUAD

#16



EARTHINGS
ON FIRE

Part One

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MONTHLY
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THE TEAM-UPS YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D SEE!

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DC UNIVERSE REBIRTH

SUPERMAN REBORN

**PARTS 1-3
ARE IN STORES
NOW.**

**LOOK FOR THE
FINALE NEXT
WEEK!**

In DC UNIVERSE: REBIRTH #1, the enigmatic Mr. Oz told Superman, "You and your family are not what you believe you are. And neither was the fallen Superman." Now in the first Rebirth-era crossover between SUPERMAN and ACTION COMICS, the shocking truth behind Oz's words is revealed.

This is the epic story that you've been waiting for. The one that will answer all the Rebirth questions you've been asking.

- *Why is there a mysterious new Clark Kent in Metropolis?*
- *What is the truth about the Man of Steel's life?*
- *Will Superman's life be drastically changed forever?*

Don't miss a chapter!

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- **PART 4—Action Comics #976**

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